

App. No. 10/663,223
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1 is hereby amended. Amendment of claim 1 is supported, for example, by page 2, lines 17-19.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 were rejected as being unpatentable over Michiya (US 6,296,493). Applicants traverse this rejection. Michiya does not teach an anisotropic conductive elastic connector including beryllium copper wires arranged with a pitch interval of 0.01mm or less, as required by claim 1. Rather, Michiya teaches a pitch interval ranging between .05mm and .2mm. Specifically, Michiya discloses a pitch of 0.07mm in Example 1 (see column 6, lines 37-38), a pitch of 0.1mm in Example 2 (see column 7, line 28), a pitch of 0.05mm in Example 3 (see column 8, line 12), and a pitch of 0.2mm in Example 4 (see column 8, line 58). Therefore, the connector taught by Michiya does not enjoy as high a density of beryllium copper wires as is provided by the connector of claim 1. Favorable reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 is requested.

Claim 6 was rejected as being unpatentable over Michiya in view of Doi (US 6,103,359). Applicants traverse this rejection. Claim 6 should be considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, from which it depends. Doi does not remedy the deficiencies of Michiya, as previously noted. Doi teaches a pitch of 1mm in Embodiment 1 (see column 15, line 14), a pitch of 1mm in Embodiment 2 (see column 16, line 55), a pitch of 1.27mm in Embodiment 3, and a pitch of 1mm in Embodiment 4 (see column 17, line 49). Favorable reconsideration of claim 6 is requested.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165, at (612)455-3802.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Curtis B. Hamre'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

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